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TAGS: PORG, ELAB, ILO, MX, US

SUBJECT: LOPEZ PORTILLO LETTER RE ILO

REF: MEXICO 14473

1. FOLLOWING IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT  
PORTILLO'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER CONCERNING U.S.  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO:

QUOTE:

MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE LEARNED THAT ON NOVEMBER 6, 1977, THE NOTIFICATION  
PERIOD WILL EXPIRE AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION WILL  
BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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OF COURSE YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT IS SOVEREIGN IN  
DECIDING WHETHER TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AFORESAID ORGANIZA-  
TION OR NOT, AND IT CERTAINLY HAD SERIOUS REASONS FOR  
SENDING THE NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1(5) OF  
THE ILO CONSTITUTION ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, I  
SHOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU CERTAIN THOUGHTS ON THIS

MATTER.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS PLAYED AN OUTSTANDING  
ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS AND YOUR ADMINI-  
STRATION IN PARTICULAR GIVES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN  
RIGHTS. PRESENT WORLD CONDITIONS REQUIRE A RENEWED EFFORT  
IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND THE SOLIDARITY OF ALL  
STATES WHICH BELIEVE IN THOSE RIGHTS. THIS IS WHY I  
CONSIDER THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION TO BE VERY  
IMPORTANT.

I HOPE THAT FOR THE REASONS MENTIONED ABOVE YOUR  
EXCELLENCY WILL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE DESIR-  
ABILITY OF THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED  
STATES IN THE AFORESAID SPECIALIZED AGENCY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO  
CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

UNQUOTE

2. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE MEXICAN EMBASSY INTENDS  
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TO RELEASE THE LETTER; HOWEVER, DEPT. HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RELEASING THE TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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